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PARTNERSHIP OF INFORMAL EDUCATORS

FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Are you looking for new ideas for classroom resources and activities?

P.I.E. provides a variety of free educational resources for teachers in central Illinois. Here are just a few of the services that are available:

- ✓ field trips
- ✓ weekend programs
- ✓ summer programs & camps
- ✓ curriculum packets
- ✓ classroom presentations
- ✓ library resources
- ✓ curriculum development assistance

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...and more!



The Partnership of Informal Educators (P.I.E.) is composed of participating organizations with a focus on education. P.I.E. was developed as a forum for sharing information and resources with the educational community.

Mission Statement

P.I.E. mutually supports the need to address common educational goals and challenges. P.I.E. is dedicated to developing an active network for communication between organizations with similar goals of educating the public about the arts, humanities, cultural resources, nature and the preservation of natural resources.

The following are just a few examples of community organizations that might benefit from the variety of services provided by the members of P.I.E.:

- ✓ **recycling solid waste education programs**
- ✓ **local nature centers**
- ✓ **forest preserve districts**
- ✓ **zoos**
- ✓ **art associations**
- ✓ **children's museums**
- ✓ **garden & ecology clubs**
- ✓ **educational service organizations**

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (Illinois Audubon Society)

The AWSs 30 acres of woods and prairie restoration are the site of environmental education programs for children and adults.

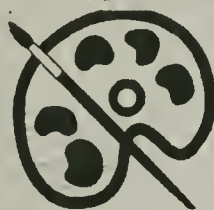
CALL 217/544-5781

www.springfield.k12.il.us/adamswildlife

Springfield Art Association

The SAA is a visual arts organization that promotes, supports, and provides educational opportunities for Springfield and the surrounding communities through a variety of programs, including:

- ✓ art classes
- ✓ summer art camp
- ✓ Art Appreciation Outreach program
- ✓ Michael Victor II Art Library
- ✓ visual arts exhibits.



CALL 217/523-3507

www.springfieldart.org

Springfield Children's Museum

The SCM is a hands-on interactive museum for children ages 2-12 and their families. The exhibit areas are designed to integrate the arts, sciences, and humanities in an enjoyable and informal way.

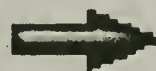
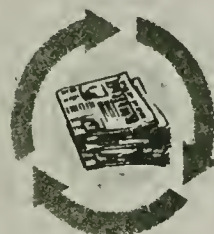
Multidisciplinary programs and activities enhance and connect the exhibit areas and are presented throughout the year.

CALL 217/789-0679

City of Springfield– Division of Waste & Recycling

Provides information on the 3Rs– reduce, reuse & recycle– and much more related to personal responsibility and community issues, including: educational presentations for all ages and printed recycling program materials.

CALL 217/789-2327



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Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA)

DCCAs Recycling Education Unit conducts workshops and interactive presentations for all ages with a focus on solid waste reduction, recycling, and reuse. Other resources available include the following:



- ✓ quarterly 3Rs newsletter
- ✓ teacher manuals
- ✓ free publications on recycling topics
- ✓ K-12 school recycling grant program

CALL 217/785-2008

DCCAs Energy Education Development Program (ILEED) provides:

- ✓ fall workshops
- ✓ summer camps
- ✓ summer internship programs
- ✓ energy curriculum & related publications
- ✓ other energy-related education programs

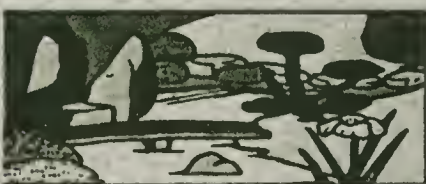
CALL 217/785-3420

www.commerce.state.il.us



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

The IEPAs environmental education program



focuses on increasing the understanding of environmental issues and programs, and encouraging individual responsibility for reducing air, land and water pollution. The IEPA offers educational materials, grants, Internet on-line educational programs and student internships.

CALL 217/524-8358

www.epa.state.il.us/education.html

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Henson Robinson Zoo

The HRZ offers the following educational activities:

- ✓ Animal Outreach programs
- ✓ birthday parties
- ✓ children's classes
- ✓ Camp-the-Zoo
- ✓ zoo camps
- ✓ adult volunteers



CALL 217/753-6217

www.hensonrobinsonzoo.com

Illinois State Museum

The ISM focuses on the art, anthropology and natural history of Illinois.



The Museum's mission is to foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural, cultural, and artistic heritage of Illinois. A variety of exhibit-based guided and self-guided programs for pre-K-12 students are offered.

CALL 217/782-0061

www.museum.state.il.us

Lincoln Home National Historic Site



The Lincoln Home's mission is to interpret the life of Abraham Lincoln during the years he lived in Springfield at the home located on Eight and Jackson Streets.

CALL 217/492-4241

www.nps.gov/liho

Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center

The Garden offers a variety of environmental education programs for more than 6,000 children each year at its 100-acre site near Lake Springfield. Its prairies, woodlands and wetlands provide an excellent outdoor classroom for the Garden's nature-based programming. This includes education programs offered both at the Garden and in schools.



CALL 217/529-1111

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site

Lincoln's New Salem comprises 700 acres along the Sangamon River on the original site of the frontier village where Abraham Lincoln lived between 1831 and 1837. Today, the New Salem site offers:

- ✓ reconstructed log homes
- ✓ walking trails
- ✓ summer camps
- ✓ educational programs
- ✓ picnic tables & shelters

CALL 217/632-4000

www.lincolnsnewsalem.com



Illinois Department of Natural Resources



The mission of the IDNR is to raise the awareness of Illinois citizens, specifically students and educators, of the need to preserve, restore, enhance and manage our natural resources and promote a high quality of life.

CALL 217/524-4126

<http://dnr.state.il.us>

Sangamon County Department of Public Health



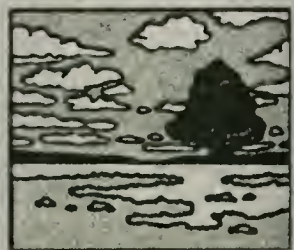
The Department's Recycling Coordinator provides information about the do's and don'ts of recycling in Sangamon County.

Presentations focus on waste reduction through recycling.

CALL 217/535-3100

Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

The Association is responsible for promoting conservation of the soil, water and related natural resources of Illinois. It offers education programs that increase public awareness of best management practices.



CALL 217/744-3414

www.aiswcd.org



U of I Extension Sangamon-Menard Counties

The U of I Extension offers educational programs in four broad areas: 4-H / youth development; family;

nutrition and consumer sciences; community and economic development; and agriculture, horticulture and natural resources. U of I Extension has programs that can help you put knowledge to work.

CALL 217/782-4617

www.extension.uiuc.edu

Washington Park Botanical Garden

The WPBG offers educational programs in plant



science to preschool through 8th grade classes and to youth groups. A wide-range of age-appropriate programs have been developed to complement local school curricula.

Walking tours of the 20-acre garden are available year-round.

CALL 217/753-2435

Youth Enrichment Services

YES at Lincoln Land Community College provides a variety of fun and challenging educational programs for K-12 students. These non-credit programs are designed to expand and supplement the regular classroom curriculum and provide students with the chance to discover new avenues of study, meet and make new friends, experience unique educational challenges, and view the expanding possibilities for future educational choices.



CALL 217/786-2435

www.llcc.cc.il.us/YES

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